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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a senior and I chose Sonic to provide my internet and phone service because their price is affordable and they don't price me out with constant increases. As a senior on a fixed income, competition is essential for me to be able to live - since my Social Security is NOT keeping up with inflation.

Price hikes and less competition will just force me to give up internet and phone service and isolate me further. I've already had to give up television because of the massive price hikes and so many separate fees for everything.

I had standard DSL before and it was very spotty; it could not give me a steady access signal (AT&T). I switched to Sonic Fiber and now I can do all the things I want online. And if I have a problem, I can call them in Santa Rosa and talk to a live person in the United States! I remember when I had AT&T and I would spend hours on the phone with people reading scripts, located overseas - instead of creating jobs here in the U.S.

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